

Bernie Noble, news photographer

Bernie Noble was a photographer for the Cleveland Press for many years. One of his pictures of President Dwight D. Eisenhower was used in the design of a postage stamp.

Mr. Noble attended the funeral of his wife, Betty, on Monday, then returned to his apartment in Lakewood. His body was found by a relative who visited the apartment yesterday. He had been ill with congestive heart failure. He was 64.

Mr. Noble was born in Coral Gables, Fla. His family moved here while he was a child, and he graduated from old West High School.

He had been given a simple box camera when he was 7 and maintained a lifelong interest in photography. He went to New York and worked briefly for Acme Newspictures, then returned to Cleveland and joined the Press in 1945. He was a copy aide and telephoto operator before he was promoted to photographer.

Mr. Noble was known for his artistic pictures as well as his news photos. He exhibited in many May Shows at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

He was also a collector of antique guns. His collection included an early 18th century French cavalry pistol, weapons from the Civil War and a Winchester rifle used in the Philippines 90 years ago.

He was also interested in archery and horseback riding.

He worked in recent years as a security guard at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Mr. Noble is survived by a daughter, Laura Comerford of Cleveland; stepdaughters, Michelle Tekavec of Hambden Township, O., and Holly Hayes of Lakewood; stepsons, Craig Phillips of St. Charles, Ill., and Howard Phillips of Boulder City, Nev.; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be announced.

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